Cochin Harbour, Railway, Navigation Works, etc., amount to Rs. 107·16 lakhs and excluding loans and advances recoverable the total of the other investments stood at Rs. 89·63 lakhs.

We shall now pass on to the working of the current year.

REVISED ESTIMATE OF 1118

The budget of the year which is now closing was framed, as you know, on the expectation of realising a revenue of Rs. 124·36 lakhs and it provided for an aggregate expenditure of Rs. 121·18 lakhs leaving a surplus of Rs. 3·18 lakhs. In these troublous time when large funds are required for numerous urgent purposes essential for the maintenance and security of the people it is a matter for real gratification to state that the revised estimate shows an improvement of Rs. 39·72 lakhs in revenue, the total revenue which is expected to be realised at the end of the year being Rs. 164·08 lakhs. With this fortunate windfall in revenues there has been a simultaneous increase in expenditure—though not the same extent—of Rs. 24 lakhs thus raising the expenditure to Rs. 150·42 lakhs. The year is thus expected to leave a safe surplus of Rs. 13.66 lakhs *i.e.*, 10·48 lakhs more than what was anticipated at this time last year.

Receipts.—Coming to details, the main heads that contribute to this large increase in revenue are Income-tax, Railway, Forests and Tramway and Abkari and Ganja. The increased income under each of these heads is more or less the outcome of war activities and in the absence of any exact basis to go upon we had to frame these cautiously which luckily turned to be under-estimates.

First and foremost should be mentioned the revenue under Income-tax. When this tax was introduced in the State eight years ago it was perhaps not thought that at this near future the receipts under this head would swell to such an extent and beat even the Customs revenue. Starting with a small beginning of Rs. 2·71 lakhs in 1110 it has steadily been increasing year by year and in 1116 the receipts came to Rs. 8·64 lakhs. The revised rates of taxation and the introduction of Excess Profits Tax raised the revenue to Rs. 14·56 lakhs last year and this year we expect Rs. 30 lakhs even though we budgetted for Rs. 13 lakhs alone on the basis of the revised estimate of 1117. The increase under Income-tax reflects only the larger income obtained from the war boom and it cannot therefore be a permanent feature of our revenues. There is thus nothing to be unduly jubilant over this, even though it is none the less a welcome addition to the resources of the State which is at present in dire need of funds to meet, in an increasing measure, the essential obligations to the people.

Next comes Railway with an increase in gross earnings of Rs. 14·57 lakhs over the budgetted estimate of Rs. 22 lakhs. The increase is ostensibly due to larger goods traffic. After protracted correspondence we also received from the Company a sum of Rs. 1·04 lakhs being the arrears of railway receipts consequent on the revision of the method of calculation in respect of the rebate on interchanged traffic at the Jolarpet junction.

Then comes Forests and Tramway, the revenue under which is expected to bring us a much larger return thanks to the rise in demand for the use of all kinds of timber including soft wood and the better prices obtained. Based on the revised estimate of 1117 *viz.*, Rs. 8·65 lakhs we budgetted for a revenue of Rs. 8·06 lakhs in the current year; but the revised estimate anticipates an improvement of Rs. 3·15 lakhs.

The revenue under Abkari and Ganja also anticipates an increase of Rs. 1·83 lakhs over the budget estimate of Rs. 9·16 lakhs on account of enhanced revenue from the distillery and the larger fees realised on licenses for foreign liquor and fermented toddy.

Other heads showing increases in revenue are Public Works, Interest, Salt, Stamps, etc. The increase under Public Works (Rs. 0·72 lakh) is mainly due to the contribution received from the British Government for certain works. The other variations have all been explained in the memorandum and there is no use of reiterating them.

Disbursements.—As already stated by me, the expenditure according to the revised estimates is expected to exceed the budget forecast of Rs. 121·18 lakhs by Rs. 29·24 lakhs.

A casual perusal of the revised estimates of the current year would show that a common feature of the various estimates is an appreciable increase under "Dearness Allowance" in all departments due to the enhancement of the rates and the extension of its benefit to all employees including aided school teachers on Rs. 60 and below. The total expenditure on account of dearness allowance for the year is expected to come to Rs. 4·70 lakhs.

The more important heads which contribute to this large increase in expenditure are Miscellaneous, Railway, Forests and Tramway, Public Works, Palace, Education, Income-tax and Military.

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As the Hon'ble Members are aware of, the Government foresaw early enough that the food situation is likely to become critical soon and hence every possible step was taken in time to bring all available areas of land under cultivation of one kind or another by leasing lands, making advances wherever necessary and by encouraging the ryots to take to intensive cultivation; but the most important step taken was the adoption of a programme of what is known as Hill Paddy Cultivation. About 12,000 acres of forests have been cleared under this scheme this year and of this about 8,000 acres have been brought under agricultural operations of one kind or other. The scheme bids fair to be a success and if nature does not fail us it is hoped that the scheme will bring us a large quantity of paddy and other food stuffs. The revised estimate anticipates an expenditure of Rs. 7·20 lakhs on Hill Paddy Scheme alone which was not anticipated in the budget.

Again, the organisation of the Civil Supplies department has involved a cost of Rs. 2·11 lakhs including the cost of grain purchase establishment etc. The supply of rice and other food stuffs is a commercial activity and from this point of view, the cost of this department should be a charge on these commodities. But in their anxiety to keep down prices of these essentials to a minimum without incurring considerable losses, the Government have decided to debit these charges to the general revenues of the State.

The expansion of the activities of the A.R.P. department and War Publicity, the organisation of the National War-front, etc., are also expected to contribute substantially to the increase in the revised estimate.

The larger earnings anticipated under the Railway on account of increased traffic necessarily involve a proportionate increase in expenditure under maintenance of the system and hence we anticipate an increase of Rs. 6·83 lakhs over the budget estimate of Rs. 15 lakhs.

Again, under Forests and Tramway the heavier programme of extraction and transport of timber is also expected to enhance the expenditure therefor by Rs. 1·87 lakhs, the revised estimate being fixed at Rs. 6·48 lakhs against the budget estimate of Rs. 4·61 lakhs.

The increase of Rs. 1·56 lakhs over the budget estimate of Rs. 11·99 lakhs under Public Works has been generally necessitated by higher rates which had to be allowed for all works on account of the abnormal conditions now prevailing and the increased allotment that had to be granted for additional filter and other improvements to the Chowwara Water Works.

In the revised Palace Scheme brought into effect from 1111 an annual contribution of Rs. 54,800 towards a Reserve Fund has been provided for, but it was not adjusted during the beginning on account of the then financial stringency. This arrear has now been cleared and a sum of Rs. 1·10 lakhs has been paid this year. This accounts for the increase in the revised estimate under Palace.

Even though the budget estimate of Rs. 20·49 lakhs under Education was itself a liberal provision it is now found that the department would require Rs. 0·96 lakh more if all the reasonable demands are to be met in full. The increase is mainly due to the payment of dearness allowance at enhanced rates for the large number of low paid teachers, the creation of a new Deputy Inspector and staff and the additional grant that had to be made towards the noon-day feeding of poor pupils.

With the enhanced revenue of Rs. 30 lakhs under Income-tax, larger refunds have also become necessary. It was also found in the course of the year that the existing staff could not cope with the mounting work of the department and hence a new Income-tax office with the necessary staff had to be organised under an Income-tax Officer on Rs. 150—200. All this accounts for the increase of Rs. 0·85 lakh over the budget estimate of Rs. 1·48 lakhs under Income-tax.

The present day requirements have rendered imperative a thorough reorganisation of the Military department of the State and to equip it as a fighting force. Leaving a company for guard duties, the other companies are being put on an efficient footing by intensive training, etc. The recruitment to the Military hitherto known as the "Nayar Brigade" was confined to one community only; a cosmopolitan force has now been formed from all classes of His Highness' subjects and the process of raising, training and equipping these units has now been taken up in all earnestness. Cadets have been selected and sent for thorough military training in Indore.

Capital Schemes.—Last year a few schemes of capital outlay launched or to be launched by the Government were adverted to. The Anamalais road scheme for which an allotment of Rs. 4 lakhs was provided for could not be pushed through as energetically as was wished owing to several impediments in the way. The Thottara Puncha Scheme as originally cotemplated for which a sum of Rs. 40,000 was provided had to be dropped as its prospects were, on enquiry,

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found to be not promising. Though a provision of Rs. 1·50 lakhs was made for the Chalakkudi Irrigation Scheme only a small sum of Rs. 0·36 lakh could be spent on it in the year. The Pallivasal Scheme is being carried through. The amounts hitherto spent for capital expenditure for the opening of the sales department of the Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital has now been booked under capital.

Loans.—For financing the large scheme of purchase of essential commodities we had to advance huge amounts from time to time and as our balances lay mostly in giltedged securities which are yielding us favourable returns we had to open an overdraft accounts with our bankers in the course of the year.

In spite of all these factors the year is expected to close with a surplus of Rs. 13·66 lakhs raising the net asset to the credit of the State from Rs. 131·81 lakhs to Rs. 145·47 lakhs, leaving out of account the transfer made to Revenue Reserve Fund out of the surplus of 1117.

BUDGET ESTIMATE OF 1119

I now come to the year 1119. Our anticipations of total revenue estimates amount to Rs. 183·17 lakhs, the highest peak ever reached in the annals of our history as compared with Rs. 164·08 lakhs expected in the revised estimate and of Rs. 124·36 lakhs in the budget estimate of 1118. We are budgetting for a revenue expenditure of Rs. 166·88 lakhs—this too the highest on record—against Rs. 150·42 lakhs and Rs. 121·18 lakhs respectively anticipated in the revised and budget estimates of the current year. The transactions of the year are thus expected to leave us a surplus of Rs. 16·29 lakhs.

Some General Features.—Before going into details I would like to bring to the notice of the House that the budget before them has been framed keeping prominently in view the "inescapability" test of expenditure. In other words Government have been guided by the principle that only the most essential items of expenditure should be programmed now in view of the international situation, of the unsatisfactory economic conditions, of the instability of the market, of the worsening food conditions and the multifarious demands of the war. While I described the budget presented by me last year as a "Nation—saving" budget, that before you now is an "Inescapable" budget. In it we will find no items for beautifying town or for adding to the luxuries of the opulent or for the erection of beautiful buildings like the Ram Mohan Palace; at the same time the growing requirements of the Development departments like Agriculture, Education, Medicine and Ayurveda which serve the moral, physical and economic development of the common people have been fairly met while the socio-economic services as Uplift of the Depressed Classes, etc., receive due attention.

The main items that would arrest the attention of even a casual observerer are the large provisions in the budget.—

i. To meet the food crisis.
ii. To strengthen the Defence Services.
iii. For the entertainment of large temporary establishments in all departments.
and *iv.* For payment of dearness allowance and daily allowance at increased rates.

Food Crisis.—The food crisis that developed during the course of the year has made it necessary for the Government to create a separate food department. Importation of rice and other food grains, purchase of paddy and other grains including tapioca produced in the State, a fair rationing based on the supply available, a just sale of these commodities through Fair Price shops and licensed dealers, the vigorous drive against the profiteers, hoarders and smugglers, etc., have been, as the House is aware, some of the prominent activities of this important department. It will not be out of place if I state here that a rationing on a scientific basis was first introduced successfully by Cochin and the rest of India has yet to take the lead given by us in this direction. They are proposed to be continued in the coming year also and it is hoped the ship of state will be enabled to reach a haven of sufficiency in the not distant future ploughing through storm-tossed seas perhaps for some time more. It is these manifold activities that account for the large number of officers employed in the Food Supply Department coming to nearly 800 officers and their charges including travelling allowance and contingencies amounting to Rs. 3·95 lakhs for 1119.

The Food Production drive inaugurated in the State has met with much success and I request the House not to rest on their oars but help the Government by inducing the people of their constituencies to adopt still more vigorously all possible measures to produce further from their lands.

Intensive cultivation is another method of making land yield more produce and this would be possible by use of more manures, etc., for which a large provision of Rs. 1·35 lakhs has been made for the coming year.

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REVISED ESTIMATE OF 1118

Receipts.—A statement showing the variations between the budget and revised estimates under the several heads is subjoined.—

(In lakhs of rupees)

Heads	Budget estimate 1118	Revised estimate 1118	Increase	Decrease	Remarks
Salt ..	5·05	5·51	·46	..	
Stamps ..	4·95	5·36	·41	..	
Customs ..	24·60	24·49	..	·11	
Abkari and Ganja ..	9·16	10 29	1·83	..	
Opium ..	1·24	1·05	..	·19	
Forest and Tramway ..	8·06	11·21	3·15	..	
Registration ..	1·27	1·65	·37	..	
Interest ..	2·68	3·35	·67	..	
Anchal ..	1·45	1.61	·16	..	
Education ..	4·18	4·35	·17	..	
Public Health ..	·39	·49	·10	..	
Public Works ..	3·26	3·98	·72	..	
Railway ..	22·00	36·57	14·57	..	
Income-tax ..	13·00	30.00	17·00	..	

Salt.—The increase of Rs. ·46 lakh over the budget estimate of Rs. 5·05 lakhs is chiefly due to the larger issue of salt for sale.

Stamps.—The revised estimate anticipates an increase of Rs. ·41 lakh over the budget estimate of Rs. 4·95 lakhs mainly under general stamp papers and special adhesive labels presumably consequent on the rush for investments in lands owing to the larger income of the people.

Customs.—The actual receipt in the State's share in the Customs collection revealed a decrease of Rs. ·11 lakh from the anticipation of Rs. 24·60 lakhs.

Abkari and Ganja.—An increase of Rs. 1·83 lakhs over the budget estimate of Rs. 9·16 lakhs is anticipated, Enhanced revenue from the Distillery, Duty on Ganja and other miscellaneous collections account for the increase, mainly because of the improved earnings of the peeple.

Opium.—A decrease of Rs. ·19 lakh from the budget estimate of Rs. 1·24 lakhs is expected following the colleetions of the first half of the year.

Forest and Tramway.—An improvement of Rs. 3·15 lakhs over the budget estimate of Rs. 8·06 lakhs is expected as a result of the intensive extraction of timber for War supply and also clearance for Hill Paddy cultivation.

Registration.—The increase of Rs. ·37 lakh anticipated over the budget estimate of Rs. 1·27 lakhs is but an index of the larger income of the people resulting in transactions in landed property.

Interest.—Larger investments made in Defence Bonds and the transfer of certain Government of India Securities to Palace Funds at a premium are expected to bring in an increased receipt of Rs. ·67 lakh over the budget estimate of Rs. 2·68 lakhs.

Anchal.—Is expected to show an increase of Rs. ·16 lakh over the budget estimate of Rs. 1·45 lakhs owing to the larger sale of Anchal and Service stamps.

Education.—Increased receipt of Rs. ·17 lakh over the budget estimate of Rs. 4·18 lakhs is expected by way of larger receipts under examination fees and also under fees from Secondary students.

Public Health.—The increase of Rs. ·10 lakh over the budget estimate of Rs. ·39 lakh is mainly due to the abolition of the 3 Town Councils and their re-transfer to the Department and also due to the cyanogassing fees realised.

Public Works.—The revised estimate is fixed at Rs. 3·98 lakhs against 3·26 lakhs in the budget estimate, the increase being mainly accounted for by the contribution received for certain works and the sale proceeds of cars transferred to A. R. P.

Railway.—Shows a better earning of Rs. 14·57 lakhs over the budget estimate of Rs. 22·00 lakhs on account of increased traffic. Arrears of about Rs. 1·04 lakhs were also received in the year from the Railway Company consequent on the revision of the method of calculation undertaken at the instance of this Government after much correspondence.

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EXPENDITURE

The following statement shows the larger variations between the budget and revised estimates.

(In lakhs of rupees)

Heads	Budget estimate 1118	Revised estimate 1118	Increase Rs.	Decrease Rs.
Land Revenue ..	3·57	3·69	·12	
Agriculture ..	1·60	1·78	·18	
Palace ..	7·50	8·60	1·10	
Excise ..	1·45	1·74	·29	
Forest and Tramway ..	4·61	6·48	1·87	
General Administration ..	2·25	2·36	·11	
Law and Justice ..	2·99	3·13	·14	
Jails ..	·64	1·12	·48	
Police ..	3·06	3·19	·13	
Education ..	20·49	21·45	·96	
Charities ..	·53	·84	31	
Medical ..	6·56	6·87	·31	
Public Health ..	1·50	1·82	·32	
Military ..	1·59	2·08	·49	
Public Works ..	11·99	13·55	1·56	
Interest ..	5·72	5·99	·27	
Railway ..	15·00	21·83	6·83	
State Conveyances ..	·52	1·16	·64	
Income-tax ..	1·48	2·33	·85	
Miscellaneous ..	6·99	18·73	11·74	

Land Revenue.—The revised estimate shows an increase of Rs. ·12 lakh over the budget estimate of Rs. 3·57 lakhs. The increase is mostly on account of the enhancement of the dearness allowance to the subordinates, the extension of the term of the temporary accountant of the Trichur Treasury, entertainment of an additional clerk on Rs. 40—60 and a temporary typist for the Diwan Peishkar's Office and a temporary staff for clearing arrears work in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk office.

Agriculture.—The increase of Rs. ·18 lakh in the revised estimate over the budget estimate of Rs. 1·60 lakhs is mainly accounted for by a temporary establishment of 2 clerks—one on Rs. 40-60 and another on Rs. 25-40 in the course of the year, increased expenditure under 'casual labour' owing to the enhancement in wages and under 'cattle food' owing to the rise in costs. A dairy section has been opened in the Central Farm and increased allotment has been provided for under 'cattle breeding.' Allotments have also been made for mango grafts and potato cultivation. Increased provision has also been necessitated under "Veterinary-cost of medicines" to meet the rise in cost as well as increased requirement on account of outbreak of cattle decease. A new detailed head "Subscription to Imperial Council of Research" was opened to book the contribution made to the Institute which was hitherto booked under 'Miscellaneous.'

Panchayats.—The posts of the three temporary work Superintendents were made permanent from 1st Kanni 1118. Two clerks—one on Rs. 60-80 and another on Rs. 40-60 were sanctioned temporarily for one year to the Office of the Director of Public Health and Panchayats to cope with increase of work.

Village Courts.—The Panchayat courts were transferred from the Paochayat Department and constituted as Village Courts under a separate Registrar of Village Courts. The Department of Village courts was organised with effect from 15th Medam 1118. Hence the new major head with necessary allotments which were met from the savings under Panchayats' as far as possible.

Palace.—Arrears of contribuiion to the extent of Rs. 1·10 lakhs in respect of Reserve Fund were paid in the current year and hence this increase over the budget estimate of Rs. 7·50 lakhs. This was not paid previously owing to the budgetary position of those years.

Excise.—The revised estimate is fixed at Rs. ·29 lakh in excess of the budget estimate of Rs. 1·45 lakhs. The increase was the result of—

(*i*) higher pay of the present Commissioner of Excise vjz., Rs. 450-600 instead of Rs. 350-500 provided in the budget.

(*ii*) payment of enhanced dearness allowance to the ubordinates

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(*iii*) increase in the transport charge of opium and ganja.

(*iv*) additional expenditure under 'Refunds' to the extent of Rs. 6,850 and

(*v*) an enhanced provision of Re. ·21 lakh for the manufacture of salt. Operations connected with the manufacture of salt were started under an officer of the British Salt Department whose services have been borrowed for the purpose.

Forest and Tramway.—The increase of Rs. 1·87 lakhs over the budget estimate has been mainly on account of the more intensive working and collection of timber for war supply. To cope with the increase of work additional hands were also sanctioned to the Department in the course of the year. An exppnditure of about Rs. 4,000 had also to be incurred for repairs to trucks and bogies of the Tramway.

General Administration.—There is an increase of Rs. ·11 lakh over the budget estimate of Rs. 2·25 lakhs. The pay of the Legal Remembrancer and the Secretary to the Council was raised to Rs. 200-300; a food section consisting of a Superintendent and clerks was constitued in the Secretariat, the posts of the Deputy Secretaries were converted into those of Assistant Secretaries on reduced scales of Rs. 200-250 and Rs. 150-200. A candidate has been sent for training in Record Work for a year in the Imperial Records in Delhi; he is to be given a stipend of Rs. 75 per mensem and he is to be the Central Record Keeper on a pay of Rs. 150-200 after his training. There was considerable increase of expenditure under the several contingent heads of expenditure notably under 'Telegraph charges', 'Postage' etc., owing to the food situation.

Law and Justice.—The increase of Rs. ·14 lakh over the budget estimate of Rs. 2·99 lakhs is chiefly due to ,he provision of leave allowance for the Chief Justice, enhancement of the dearness allowance to the subordinates and the constitution of the Temporary Magistrate's Court at Trichur. The temporary District Court opened at Trichur was discontinued a few months earlier than the period for which it was originally provided.

Police.—The revised estimate exceeds the budget estimate by Rs. ·13 lakh. The grant of enhanced dearness allowance to the staff, a war allowance of Rs. 1½ per mensem to each constable, besides a uniform allowance of Re. 0—8—0 to the III class constables and the reallocation of the force with larger number in higher grades and the opening of the Police School under a Principal on Rs. 200 with a personal allowance of Rs. 50 account for the increased expenditure. Two clorks on Rs. 40—60 have also been sanctioned temporarily to the Police Head Office. A new outpost at Thiruvilwamala has been created.

Education.—The increase noticed in the revised estimate *viz.*, Re. ·96 lakh over the budget estimate of Rs. 20·49 lakhs is mainly due to.—

(*i*) Payment of dearness allowance at enhanced rates.

(*ii*) Contribution towards dearness allowance of Aided School Teachers amounting to about ·59 lakh of rupees.

(*iii*) Creation of a new Deputy Inspector and staff.

(*iv*) Additional grant of Rs, 7,365 towards the scheme of the noonday feeding of pupils.

(*v*) The rising cost of paper and stationery.

Medical.—The revised estimate is fixed at Rs. ·31 lakh over the budget estimate of Rs. 6·56 lakhs. The reasons for the increase are mainly the enhanced rate of dearness allowance, increased prices of dietary and other sundry articles, and the enhanced grant for medicine (from Rs. 360 to Rs. 600) given to the rural dispensaries.

Public Health.—The increase of Re. ·32 lakh over the budget estimate of Rs. 1·50 lakhs is mainly on account of the large expenditure under charges for prevention of epidemics in connection with the anti-plague measures and the provision of a larger contribution for mosquito-control.

Military.—A reorganisation of the force on entirely modern lines has been initiated. A temporary cosmopolitan company consisting of a Sergeant and subordinate force of Jamadars, Head Constables, Naicks and Constables was formed in the course of the year.

The following schemes have also been sanctioned for the formation of the State Forces.—

(*i*) The cosmopolitan company newly formed was transferred to Ramavarmapuram for training.

(*ii*) Deputation of 6 cadets for training in Ramavarmapuram in the first instance and then in the State Forces Training School at Indore. These cadets are paid Rs. 50 per mensem while at Ramavarmapuram and Rs. 140 per mensem while at Indore with an outfit allowance of Rs. 120 each.

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(*iii*) Two havildars and two naicks were got down from Travancore State Forces for training the Nayar Brigade.

The ration allowance of the Nayar Brigade was raised from Rs. 3 to Rs. 5 per mensem from 1st Edavam 1118.

Public Works.—An increase of Rs. 1·21 lakhs under 'Civil Engineering' and of Re. ·34 lakh under 'Mechanical Engineering' chiefly contribute to the increase in the revised estimate which is higher than the budget estimate of Rs. 11·99 lakhs by Rs. 1·56 lakhs. Higher rates much in excess of the estimate rates contribute to the increased expenditure under works. Some increased allotment has been necessary for providing additional filter and other improvements to the Chowwara Water works.

Interest.—The revised estimate anticipates an increase of Rs. ·27 lakh over the budget estimate of Rs. 5·72 lakhs to provide for payment of unclaimed arrears of interest on Government bonds and interest on the temporary overdraft Account of the Government in connection with their food purchase scheme.

Industries.—The post of an Assistant Director of Industries on Rs. 100—150 was created in the year to assist the Director in his duties which have of late expanded in several directions due to control measures and other factors on account of the war. A clerk on Rs. 25—40 and a peon on Rs. 10 are also attached to him. A temporary clerk on Rs. 25—40 was also sanctioned to the Director's Office in connection with the preparation of indices for the cost of living in the State.

Railway.—The increase in the revised estimate of Rs. 21·83 lakhs over the budget estimate of Rs. 15·00 lakhs is mainly the result of the larger maintenance expenditure.

State Conveyances.—Purchase of new cars mainly accounts for the increase of Re. ·64 lakh in the revised estimate over the budget estimate of Re. ·52 lakh.

Income-tax.—Larger provision for 'refunds' consequent on the larger return anticipated has been made with the result the revised estimate exceeds the budget estimate of Rs. 1·48 lakhs by Re. ·85 lakh.

Miscellaneous.—The food situation of the State has resulted in a drive for cultivating every available portion of land and Government have taken in hand the cultivation of hill paddy on a fairly large scale. Provision for the experiment on this account has been made. It is also proposed to meet the cost of the establishment and contingent charges connected with food control and supply measures out of the general revenues. Hence the large variation in the revised estimate which stands at Rs. 18·73 lakhs against the budget estimate of Rs. 6·99 lakhs. The war efforts continue to claim the legitimate attention of Government. A full time Assistant Organiser has been newly appointed, a Head clerk on Rs. 60—80, a Press Organiser on Rs. 50 and three Staff Correspondents on Rs. 12 each per mensem were attached in the course of the year to the staff of the National War Front Section.

BUDGET ESTIMATE OF 1119

RECEIPTS

A surplus of Rs. 16·29 lakhs is anticipated during the next year against a surplus of Rs. 3·18 lakhs anticipated in the Budget Estimate and Rs. 14·66 lakhs expected according to the revised estimate of the current year as detailed below.—

[In Lakhs of rupees

	Budget estimate 1118 Rs. (1)	Revised estimate 1118 Rs. (2)	Budget estimate 1119 Rs. (3)	Difference between cols. 2 and 3 Rs.
Total Revenue ..	124·36	164·08	183·17	19·09
Total expenditure ..	121 18	150·42	166·88	16·46
Surplus or deficit ..	+3·18	+13·66	+16·29	

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